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SUBJECT: ROMANIAN DOCTORAL CANDIDATES

1. IIE INFORMS US THAT 3 ROMANIAN DOCTORAL STUDENTS, HAVING COMPLETED THREE YEARS OF STUDY UNDER SECTION 2, ARTICLE I OF EXCHANGES PROGRAM, NOW WISH TO REMAIN IN U.S. FOR PERIODS UP TO ONE YEAR TO FINISH DOCTORAL WORK. ALL 3 HAVE OFFERS OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM U.S. UNIVERSITIES.

2. IIE HAS ASKED WHETHER THESE 3 CAN BE MAINTAINED UNDER DEPARTMENT SPONSORSHIP OR WHETHER THE DEPARTMENT WILL AGREE TO TRANSFER THEM TO UNIVERSITY SPONSORSHIP. WE HAVE RESPONDED THAT WE WILL DO NEITHER LACKING AGREEMENT OF ROMANIAN GOVERNMENT TO EXTENSION OF STAY. AT SAME TIME, WE HAVE INFORMED IIE THAT WE WILL CONTINUE DEPARTMENT SPONSORSHIP OF THE THREE STUDENTS UNTIL NOV. 1 TO ALLOW THEM TIME TO OBTAIN EXTENSION APPROVALS THROUGH THEIR AUTHORITIES. AT END OF THIS PERIOD, WE PLAN TERMINATE DEPARTMENT SPONSORSHIP AND, DEPENDING ON RESPONSE FROM ROMANIAN AUTHORITIES, STUDENTS WILL EITHER TRANSFER TO UNIVERSITY SPONSORSHIP OR RETURN TO ROMANIA.

3. WE HAVE INFORMED PLOSCARU OF ROMANIAN EMBASSY OF OUR UNCLASSIFIED

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INTENTIONS AND, WHILE AGREEING IN PRINCIPLE, HE HAS ASKED

TO EXPLORE MATTER FURTHER AND WILL CONTACT US IN NEXT FEW DAYS. PLOSCARU ASKED WHETHER WE WOULD BE WILLING TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL GRANTS IF ROMANIAN GOVERNMENT APPROVES EXTENSIONS. WE REPLIED THAT WE COULD NOT SINCE THREE YEARS WAS MAXIMUM STIPULATED IN EXCHANGES PROGRAM. HOWEVER SINCE U.S. UNIVERSITIES APPEAR WILLING TO FINANCE ALL 3 STUDENTS, QUESTION OF ADDITIONAL CU GRANTS DOES NOT APPEAR RELEVANT.

4. EMBASSY MAY WISH TO INFORM ROMANIAN AUTHORITIES OF FOREGOING. WHILE, AT THIS POINT, IT APPEARS THAT THE QUESTION OF ADDITIONAL CU GRANTS SHOULD NOT BECOME A FACTOR IN ROMANIAN DECISION ON EXTENSIONS, WE ARE STRONGLY OPPOSED TO ANY FURTHER CU FUNDING OF THESE STUDENTS.

5. STUDENTS IN QUESTION ARE TOMA HENTA AND GHEORGHE SMARANDOIU (BERKELEY), AND CORNELIU TARBA AT CORNELL. ROBINSON

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